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PLASTIC MAN
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GENTLEMEN, WE ARE CONVENED HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS A MOST UNUSUAL AND URGENT-- MATTER...
...THE BETRAYAL OF THIS NOBLE ORGANIZATION BY THE AGENT KNOWN AS PLASTIC MAN!
THEY'RE BACK! THE IMPROBABLE PLAS AND HIS SIDEKICK, THE WOEBEGONE WOOZY WINKS, COURTESY OF...
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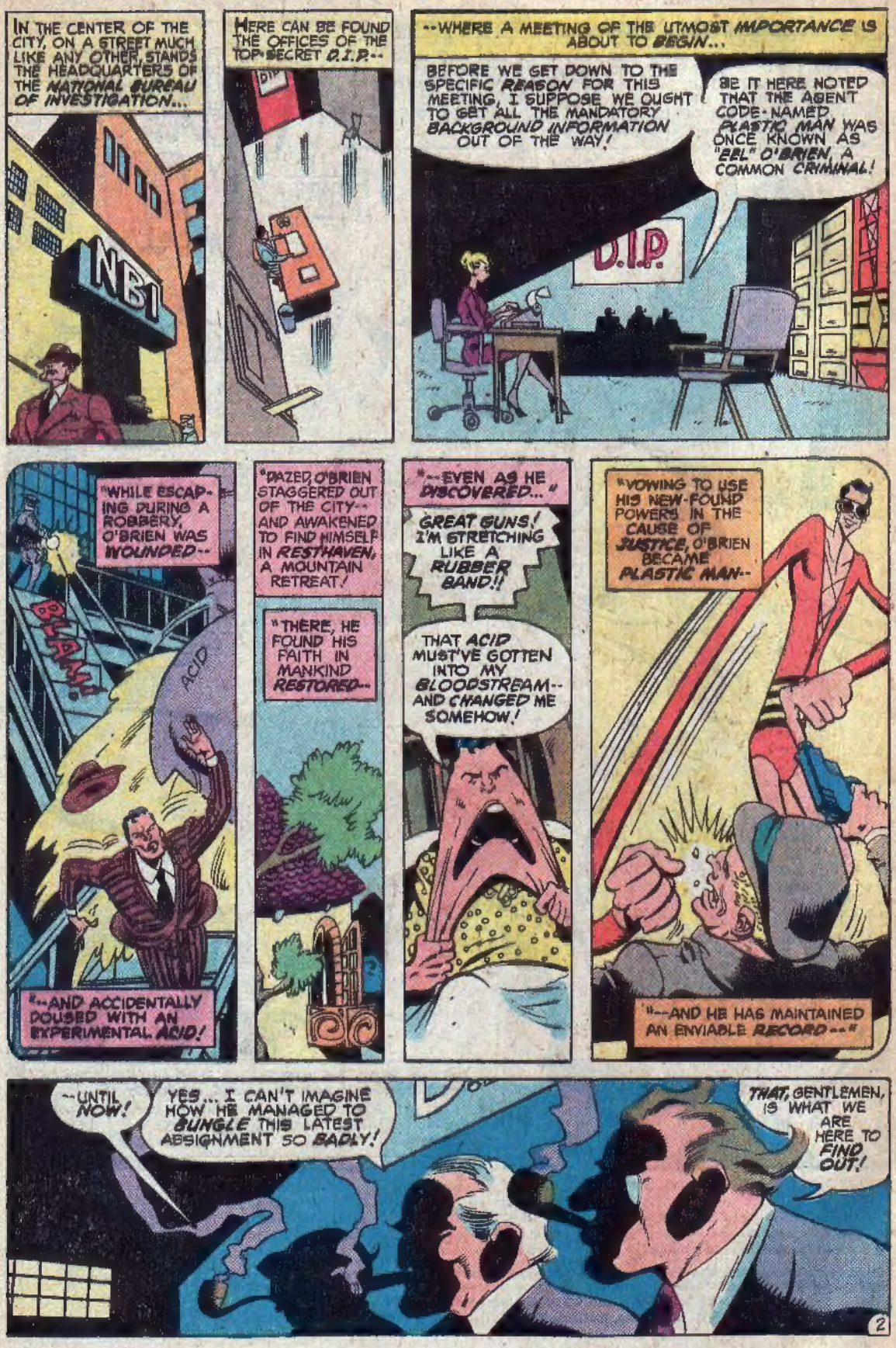
IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, ON A STREET MUCH LIKE ANY OTHER, STANDS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION...
NBI
HERE CAN BE FOUND THE OFFICES OF THE TOP-SECRET O.I.P.--
O.I.P.
--WHERE A MEETING OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...
BEFORE WE GET DOWN TO THE SPECIFIC REASON FOR THIS MEETING, I SUPPOSE WE OUGHT TO GET ALL THE MANDATORY BACKGROUND INFORMATION OUT OF THE WAY!
BE IT HERE NOTED THAT THE AGENT CODE-NAMED PLASTIC MAN WAS ONCE KNOWN AS "EEL" O'BRIEN, A COMMON CRIMINAL!
O.I.P.
"WHILE ESCAPING DURING A ROBBERY, O'BRIEN WAS WOUNDED--
BLAM!
ACID
"--AND ACCIDENTALLY DOUSED WITH AN EXPERIMENTAL ACID!
"DAZED, O'BRIEN STAGGERED OUT OF THE CITY-- AND AWAKENED TO FIND HIMSELF IN RESTHAVEN, A MOUNTAIN RETREAT!
"THERE, HE FOUND HIS FAITH IN MANKIND RESTORED--
"--EVEN AS HE DISCOVERED..."
GREAT GUNS! I'M STRETCHING LIKE A RUBBER BAND!!
THAT ACID MUST'VE GOTTEN INTO MY BLOODSTREAM-- AND CHANGED ME SOMEHOW!
"VOWING TO USE HIS NEW-FOUND POWERS IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE, O'BRIEN BECAME PLASTIC MAN--
"--AND HE HAS MAINTAINED AN ENVIABLE RECORD--"
--UNTIL NOW!
YES... I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW HE MANAGED TO BUNGLE THIS LATEST ASSIGNMENT SO BADLY!
THAT, GENTLEMEN, IS WHAT WE ARE HERE TO FIND OUT!
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"FOR THE RECORD, SYNDICATE STOOL-PIGEON CARLTON CANARY, A.K.A. YELLOWBELLY, HAD AGREED TO TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE--
"--AND PLASTIC MAN WAS ORDERED TO BRING HIM IN ALIVE--"
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY WE GET ALL THE BORING ASSIGNMENTS, PLAS!
YEAH--AN' THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT BOTHERS ME!
ALL TRAINS
WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT, WOOZY? YOU DON'T EVEN BELONG TO THE M.E.I.!
YOU'D THINK AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR 'EM OVER THE YEARS, THEY COULD AT LEAST GIMME AN OFFICIAL BADGE OR SOMETHIN'!
YOU HELP ME GET CANARY TO H.Q. IN ONE PIECE, WOOZ--AND I'M SURE THEY'LL CONSIDER IT!
WE JUST HAVE TO BE ALERT FOR ANYTHING UNUSUAL, CHUM!
THE SYNDICATE DOESN'T WANT CANARY TO "SING" TO US--AND THEIR HIRED KILLERS WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO MAKE CERTAIN HE DOESN'T!
SAVE THE SNAIL DARTER
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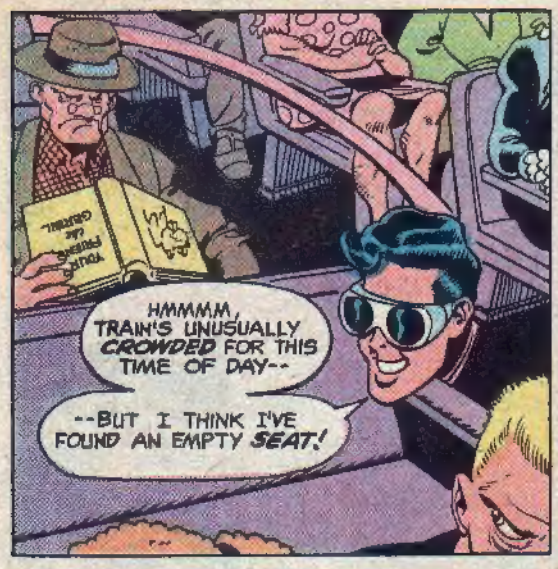
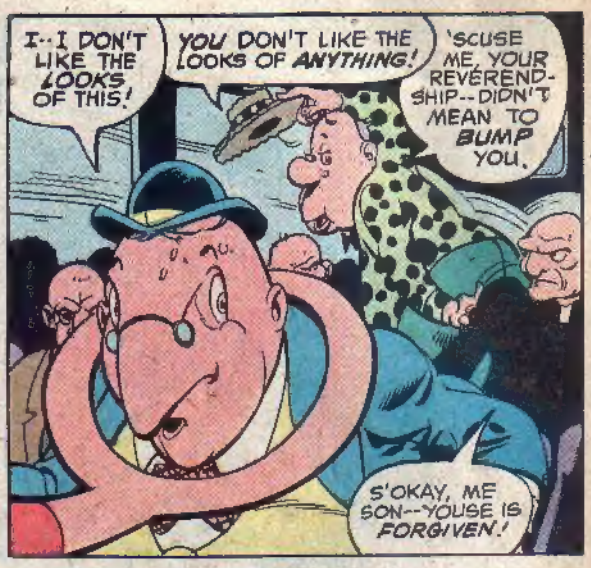
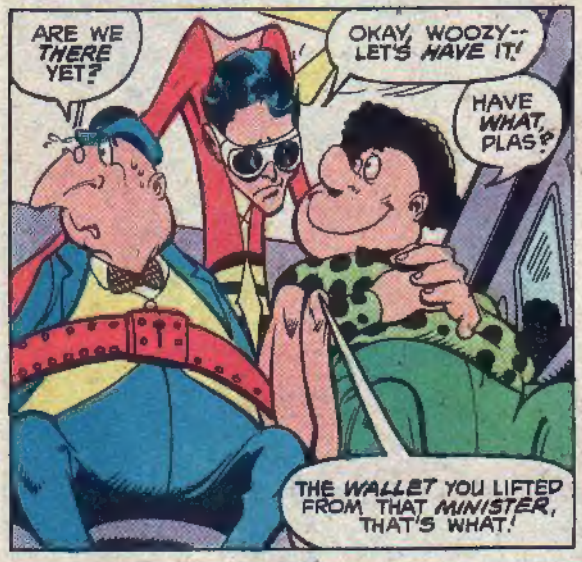
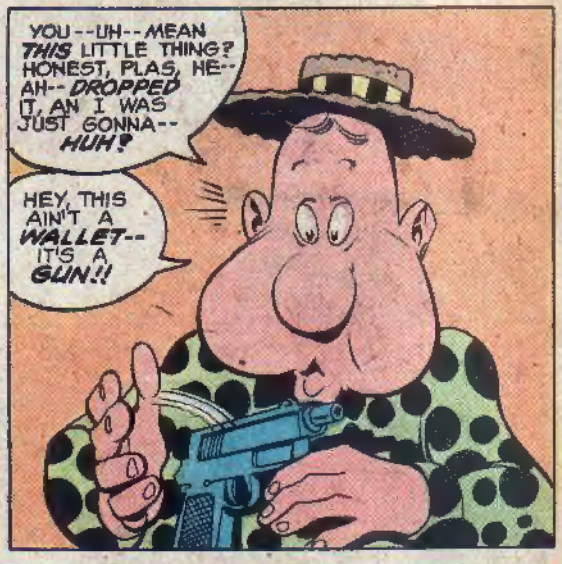
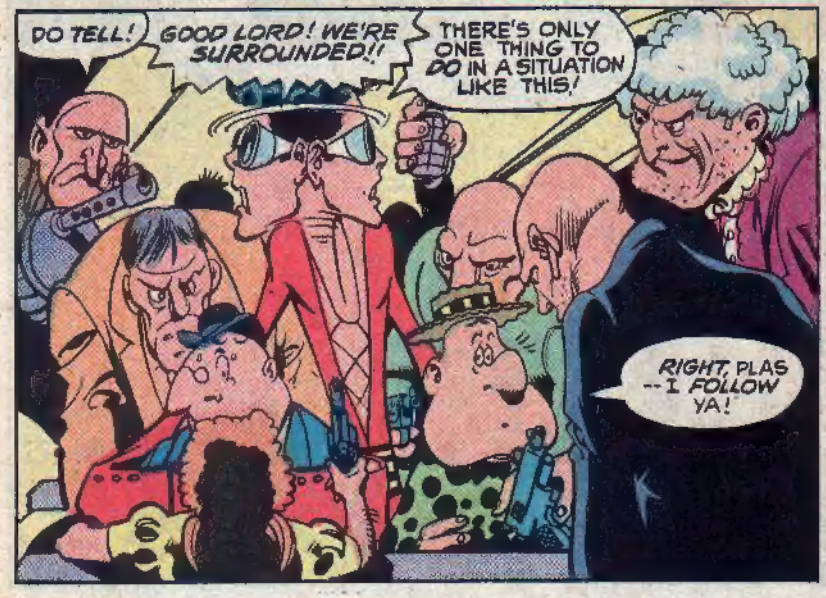



I--I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS!
YOU DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF ANYTHING!
'SCUSE ME, YOUR REVEREND-SHIP--DIDN'T MEAN TO BUMP YOU.
S'OKAY, ME SON--YOUSE IS FORGIVEN!







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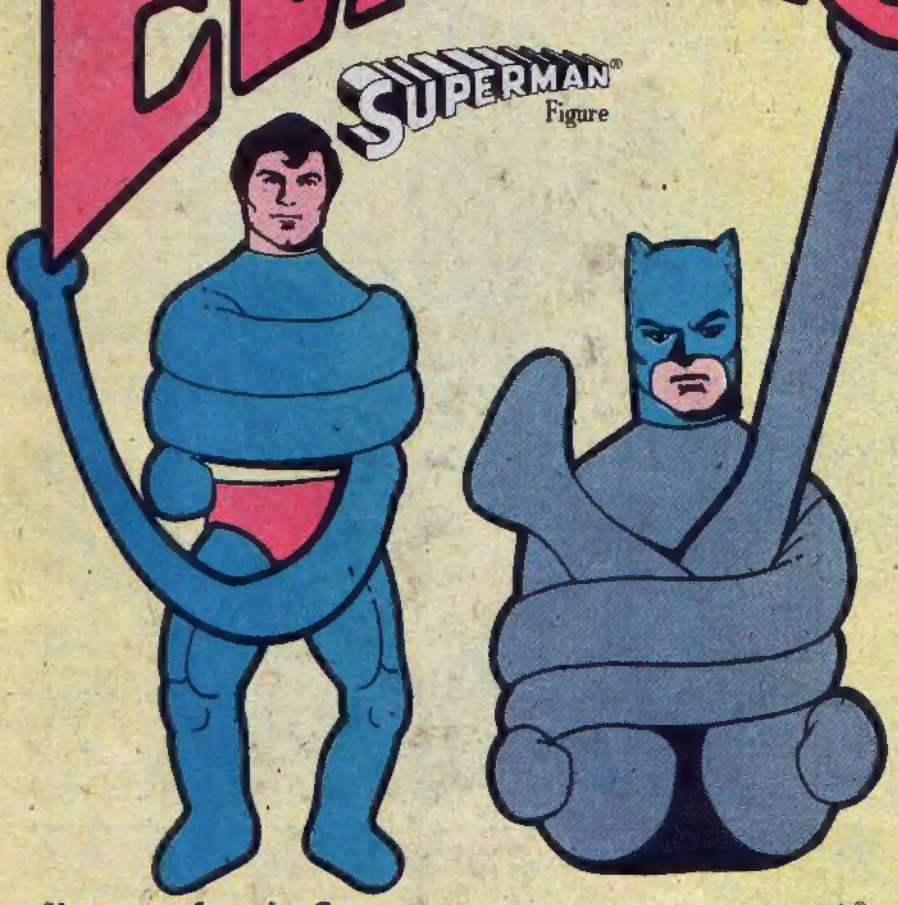

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ACTUALLY, CHUM-- THAT WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
PLEASE-- DON'T HIT ME! I'M YOUR PRISONER! I'M ANYONE'S PRISONER!
HEY-- ANYBODY HERE NEED A PRISONER?
PLAS SEEMS TO BE HANDLING THIS MESS JUST FINE BY HIMSELF--
--SO I THINK I'LL GET OUT OF HIS WAY!
A GUY COULD GET HURT AROUND HERE -- STICKING HIS NOSE IN WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG!
HUH--?!?
BOK!
I'M BADLY OUTNUMBERED!
NEED SOME SORT OF EDGE--!
WOK!
BLAM!
"AND PROVIDENCE SWIFTLY PROVIDED ONE--
"--IN THE FORM OF A WILDLY-AIMED GUNSHOT!"
HEY! WHICH IDIOT TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS?
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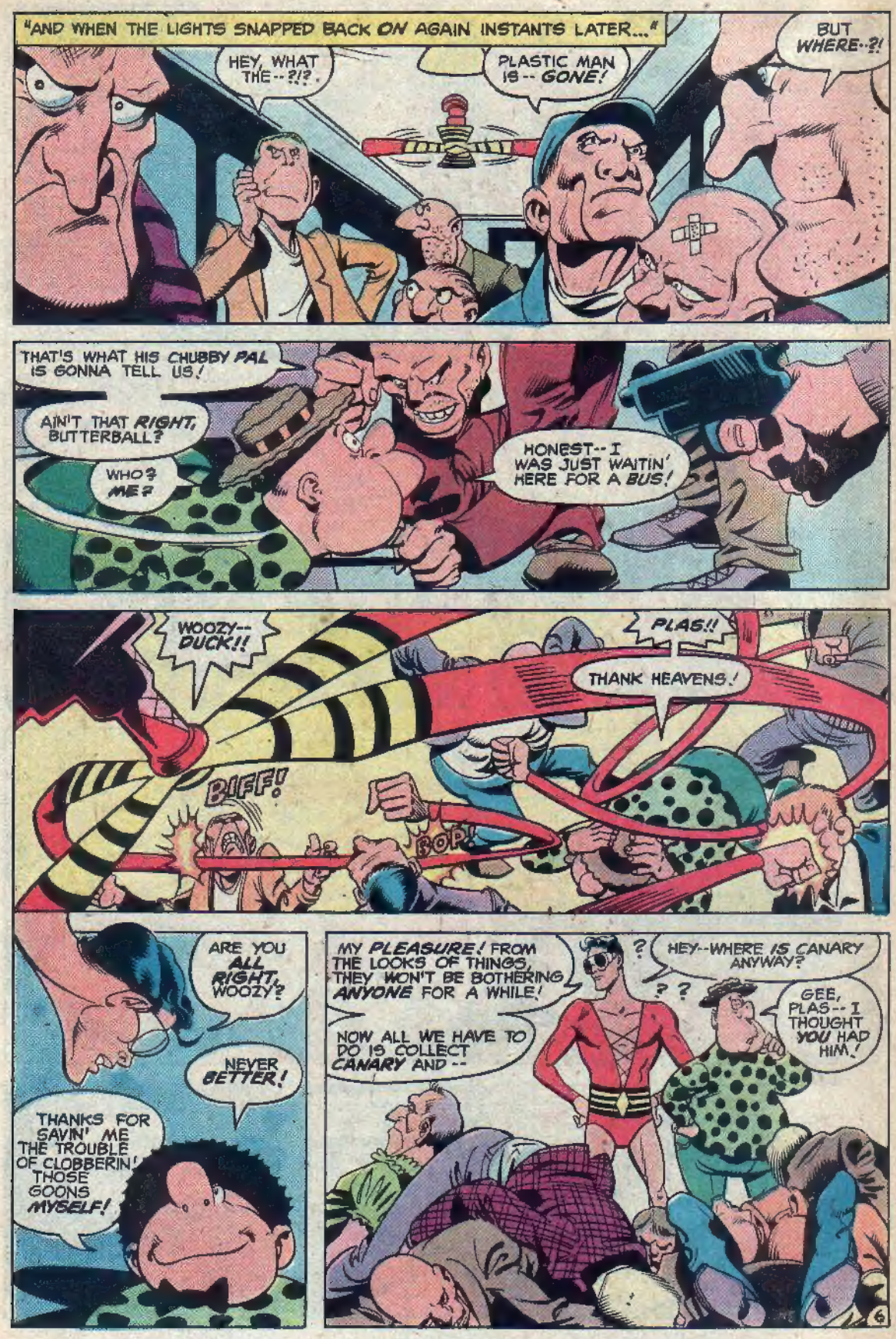
"AND WHEN THE LIGHTS SNAPPED BACK ON AGAIN INSTANTS LATER..."
HEY, WHAT THE--?!?
PLASTIC MAN IS -- GONE!
BUT WHERE..?!
THAT'S WHAT HIS CHUBBY PAL IS GONNA TELL US!
AIN'T THAT RIGHT, BUTTERBALL?
WHO? ME?
HONEST-- I WAS JUST WAITIN' HERE FOR A BUS!
WOOZY-- DUCK!!
PLAS!!
THANK HEAVENS!
BIFF!
BOP!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, WOOZY?
NEVER BETTER!
THANKS FOR SAVIN' ME THE TROUBLE OF CLOBBERIN' THOSE GOONS MYSELF!
MY PLEASURE! FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, THEY WON'T BE BOTHERING ANYONE FOR A WHILE!
NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS COLLECT CANARY AND --
HEY--WHERE IS CANARY ANYWAY?
GEE, PLAS-- I THOUGHT YOU HAD HIM!
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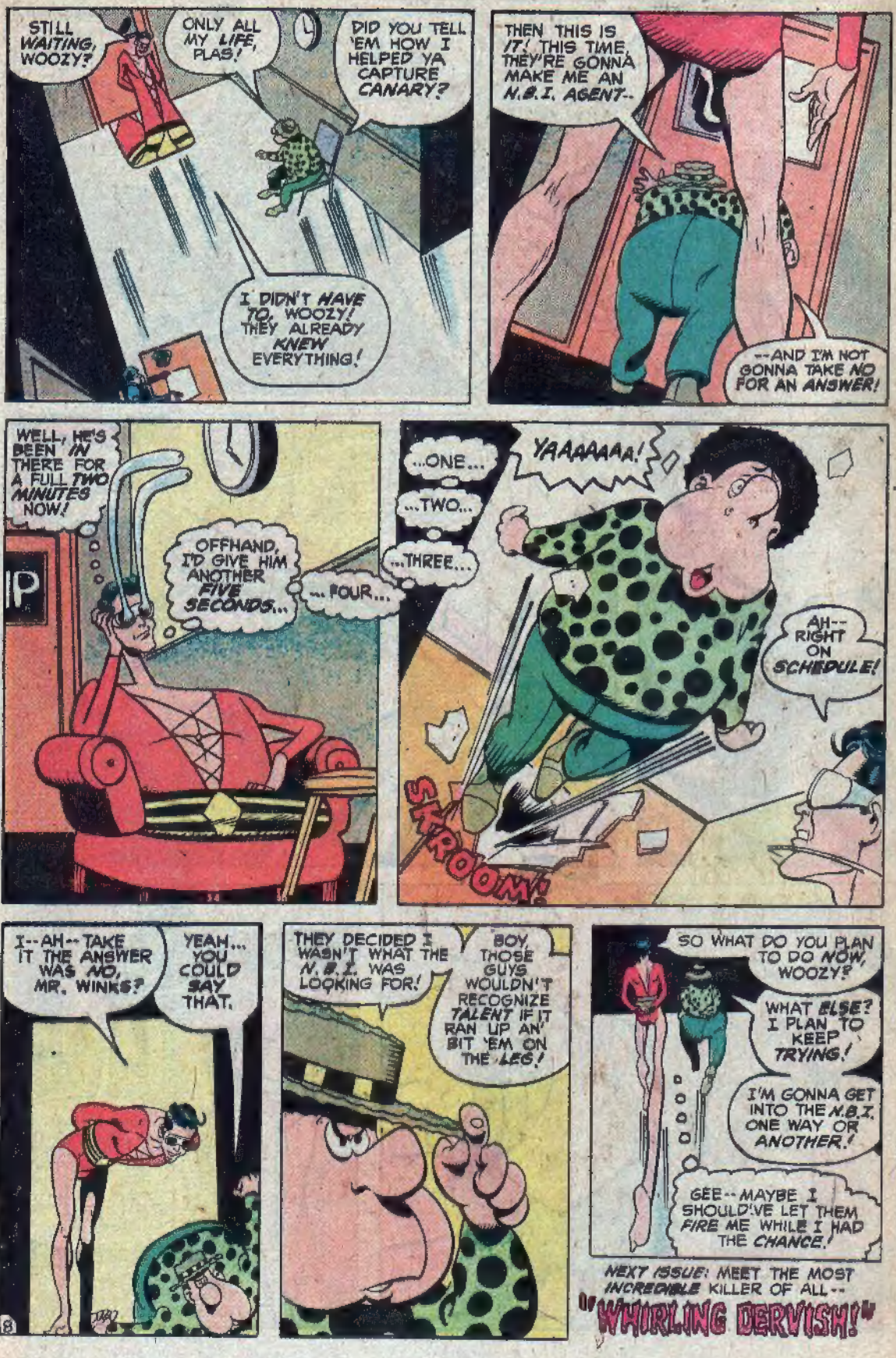
AND I THOUGHT YOU--!
WELL, IF I DON'T HAVE CANARY, AND YOU DON'T HAVE HIM...
AN EXCELLENT QUESTION!
AND ONE AGENT PLASTIC MAN SEEMED WHOLLY UNABLE TO ANSWER WHEN HE WAS INTERROGATED EARLIER!
THEN, SINCE CANARY IS STILL AMONG THE MISSING, AND SINCE THIS SORT OF FAILURE CANNOT BE TOLERATED BY THIS ORGANIZATION--
...THEN WHERE THE DICKENS IS HE?
--I'M AFRAID THIS BOARD HAS NO RECOURSE BUT TO DISMISS PLASTIC MAN, EFFECTIVE--!
OKAY-- HOLD IT!
IF YOU GENTS ARE SO ANXIOUS TO FIND CARLTON CANARY, YOU OUGHT TO CHECK YOUR OWN FILES--
--UNDER 'C'... AS IN CAUGHT!
NOW, MR. CANARY, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO TELL THESE NICE-GENTLEMEN?
ANYTHING ...AND EVERYTHING!
I--I JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN!
TRY THE BEGINNING!
WELL, I STARTED OUT AS A CHILD!
WHEN I WAS SIX, MY PARENTS SENT ME TO THE STORE--AND WHILE I WAS GONE, THEY MOVED AWAY! THEN WHEN I WAS SEVEN, I...
WELL, THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM OCCUPIED FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS!


STILL WAITING, WOOZY?
ONLY ALL MY LIFE, PLAS!
DID YOU TELL 'EM HOW I HELPED YA CAPTURE CANARY?
I DIDN'T HAVE TO, WOOZY! THEY ALREADY KNEW EVERYTHING!
THEN THIS IS IT! THIS TIME, THEY'RE GONNA MAKE ME AN N.B.I. AGENT--
--AND I'M NOT GONNA TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER!
WELL, HE'S BEEN IN THERE FOR A FULL TWO MINUTES NOW!
OFFHAND, I'D GIVE HIM ANOTHER FIVE SECONDS...
...FOUR...
...THREE...
...TWO...
...ONE...
YAAAAAAA!
AH-- RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!
SKROOM!
I--AH--TAKE IT THE ANSWER WAS NO, MR. WINKS?
YEAH... YOU COULD SAY THAT.
THEY DECIDED I WASN'T WHAT THE N.B.I. WAS LOOKING FOR!
BOY, THOSE GUYS WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE TALENT IF IT RAN UP AN' BIT 'EM ON THE LEG!
SO WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO NOW, WOOZY?
WHAT ELSE? I PLAN TO KEEP TRYING!
I'M GONNA GET INTO THE N.B.I. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!
GEE--MAYBE I SHOULD'VE LET THEM FIRE ME WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE!
NEXT ISSUE: MEET THE MOST INCREDIBLE KILLER OF ALL--
"WHIRLING DERVISH!"

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SUPERMAN IN "THE RESCUE"
THAT UFO IS IN TROUBLE! THEY'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THAT MOUNTAIN... AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT.
MEANWHILE... ON THE MOUNTAIN...
LOOK--IT'S SUPERMAN.
AND A UFO.
IF I STOP THEM, THEY'LL BE CRUSHED BY THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN GRAVITY... SO I'LL GIVE THEM TIME TO SLOW DOWN.
LOOK!!! SUPERMAN IS MAKING A TUNNEL THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN FOR THE UFO.
LET'S GO SEE...
THANK YOU, EARTHMAN. YOUR ATMOSPHERE WAS MORE DANGEROUS THAN WE ANTICIPATED.
AFTER THAT EXPERIENCE, YOU MUST BE READY FOR SOME HOSTESS® TWINKIES® SNACK CAKES.
WE ARE!!!
TWINKIES. I LIKE THEIR LOOKS.
YOU'LL LIKE THE LIGHT, GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE...
AND THE CREAMED FILLING.
WE DO!!!
THE KIDS HAVE THAT SITUATION WELL IN HAND... SO I CAN GET BACK TO BEING CLARK KENT.
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ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE OCTOBER 25TH!! DON'T DARE MISS IT!!

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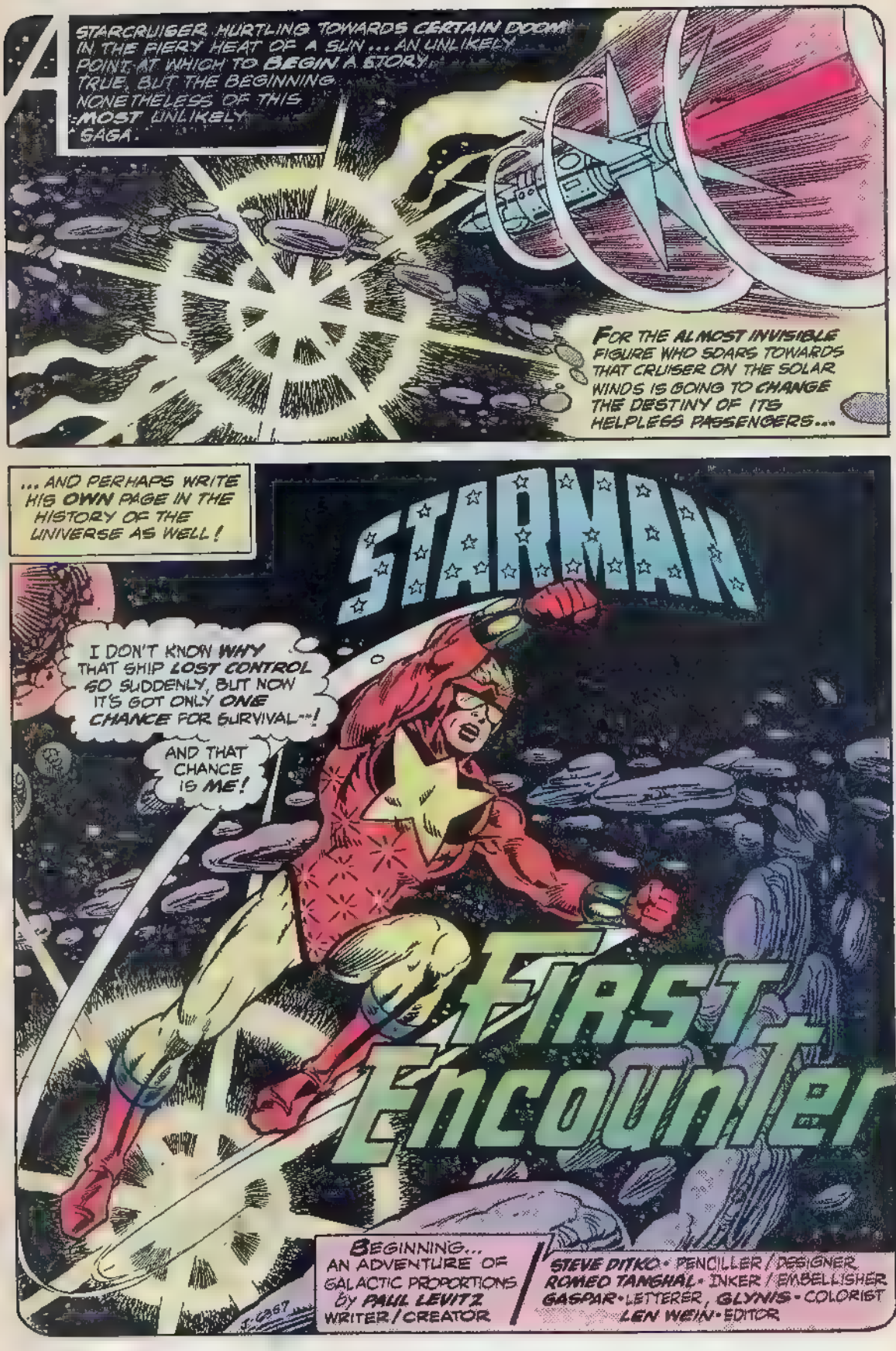
STARCRUISER HURTLING TOWARDS CERTAIN DOOM IN THE FIERY HEAT OF A SUN... AN UNLIKELY POINT AT WHICH TO BEGIN A STORY. TRUE, BUT THE BEGINNING NONETHELESS OF THIS MOST UNLIKELY SAGA.
FOR THE ALMOST INVISIBLE FIGURE WHO SOARS TOWARDS THAT CRUISER ON THE SOLAR WINDS IS GOING TO CHANGE THE DESTINY OF ITS HELPLESS PASSENGERS...
... AND PERHAPS WRITE HIS OWN PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE AS WELL!
STARMAN
I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT SHIP LOST CONTROL SO SUDDENLY, BUT NOW IT'S GOT ONLY ONE CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL--!
AND THAT CHANCE IS ME!
First Encounter
BEGINNING... AN ADVENTURE OF GALACTIC PROPORTIONS BY PAUL LEVITZ WRITER/CREATOR
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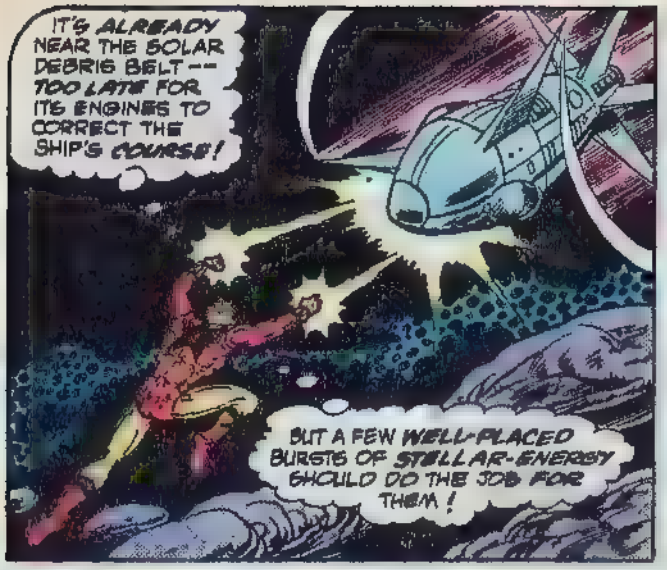
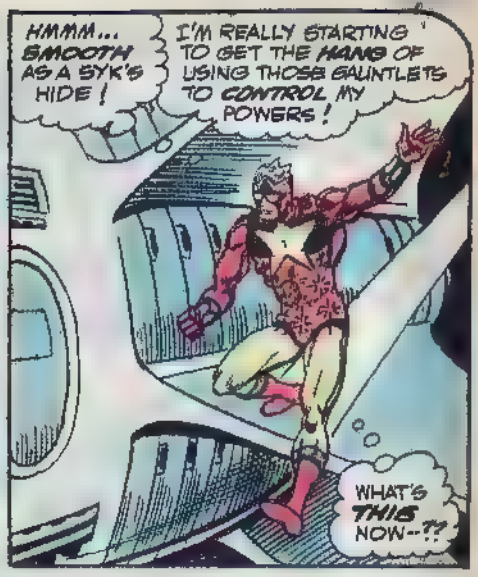
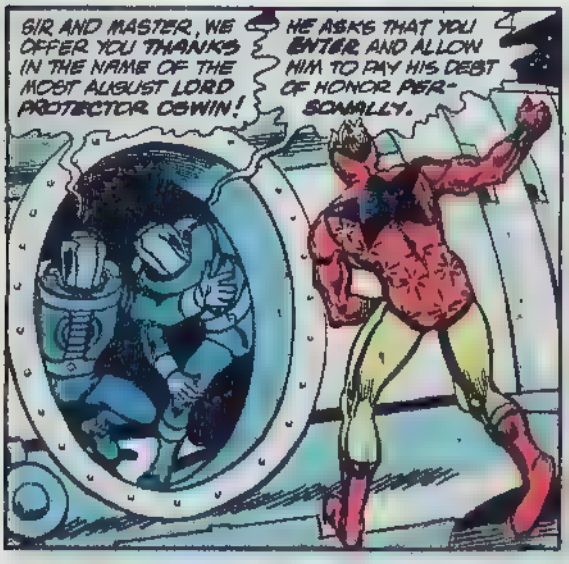
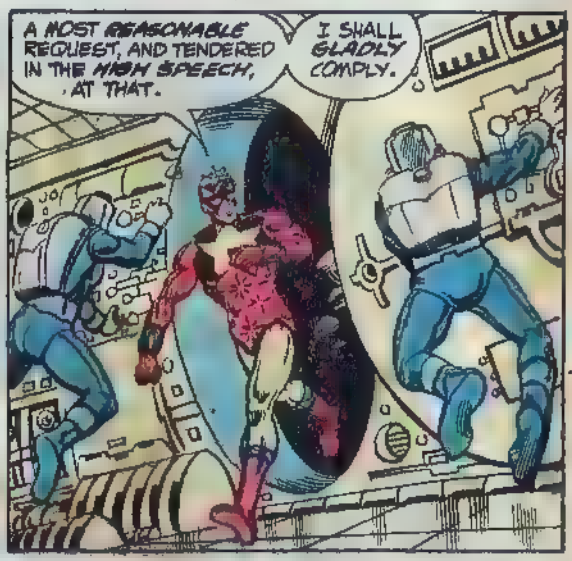
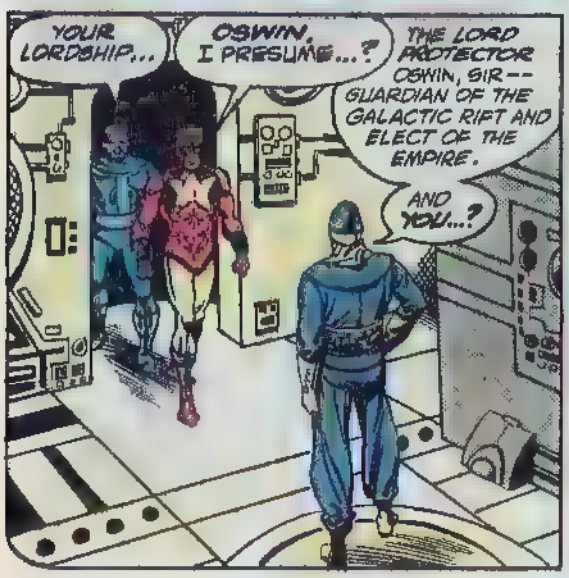

IT'S ALREADY NEAR THE SOLAR DEBRIS BELT -- TOO LATE FOR ITS ENGINES TO CORRECT THE SHIP'S COURSE!
BUT A FEW WELL-PLACED BURSTS OF STELLAR-ENERGY SHOULD DO THE JOB FOR THEM!




SIR AND MASTER, WE OFFER YOU THANKS IN THE NAME OF THE MOST AUGUST LORD PROTECTOR OSWIN!
HE ASKS THAT YOU ENTER AND ALLOW HIM TO PAY HIS DEBT OF HONOR PERSONALLY.





STARMAN WILL HAVE TO DO, I FEAR... FOR I FIND NAMES AND TITLES TEND TO CONFUSE THE QUESTION.
I BEAR MINE WITH PRIDE, STARMAN...
...BUT IF YOU WOULD CONCEAL YOURS, I SHALL NOT ARGUE. I AM IN YOUR DEBT, SIR.

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ONE MIGHTY MAGAZINE IS NOW TWO!

YOU'VE THRILLED TO MY ADVENTURES WITH THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES --NOW YOU CAN ENJOY LEGION ADVENTURES IN THEIR VERY OWN COMIC!
AND--YOU CAN STILL READ ABOUT MY NEW ADVENTURES IN MY OWN SOLO BOOK!
IN A COMIC ALL THEIR OWN AT LAST...
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
THE NEW ADVENTURES OF
SUPERBOY
HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY
WHY?
BOTH ON SALE OCTOBER 25th

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STABILIZERS FAILED. THE SHIP FOR LOST. IN THE LIFECRAFT YOU SUDDENLY APPEARED.
WHERE WAS YOUR SHIP HIDING?
SHIPS ARE SO... CUMBERSOME, LORD OSWIN.
I PREFER TO TRAVEL LIGHT.
MMMPHHH!
THE NOISE? SOME ENGINE, NO DOUBT.
HMMM... WHAT WAS THAT?
COME--LET ME SHOW YOU OUR CONTROL CENTER. IT'S TRULY QUITE IMPRESSIVE!
THERE--YOU SEE, ALL YOUR SCREAMING DID NOTHING!
NO--NO! HE HAS TO HEAR ME!
I CAN'T LET OSWIN TAKE HIM IN TOO!
YER A FOOL, JEDIAH RIKANE! THESE BULKHEADS ARE SOUND-PROOF--AND SO'S THE ONE-WAY GLASS!
ALL YOUR YELLING JUST GOING TO GET YOU MORE OF THE NERVE ROD!
AYEE!
TH-THAT MUST BE THE "STARMAN" WE HEARD RUMORS OF-- BACK AT IMPERIAL SECURITY SECTION! HE SEEMS TO HAVE SPRUNG OUT OF NOWHERE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS-- AND HE'S ALREADY HALF-WAY TO BECOMING A LEGEND!
NOT ONLY HAS HE PULLED OFF A DOZEN IMPOSSIBLE RESCUES--BUT HE EVEN SAVED AN INNOCENT MAN FROM EXECUTION ON KYDALH, THE PRISON ASTEROID!

BLAST YOU, RIKANE-- LISTEN!
WHY SHOULD I? SO OSWIN'S SCHEMES CAN GO EASIER?
COOPERATE WITH THE MASTER AND HE'LL LET YOU LIVE FOOL!
I'D RATHER DIE THAN LIVE IN AN EMPIRE UNDER OSWIN'S THUMB!
AT LEAST I WILL DIE FREEEEEE!
YOU'LL NOT DIE THAT EASILY, FOOL!
"NEVER DREAMED IT WOULD END THIS WAY... NOT MERE DAYS AFTER BEING SENT ON A MISSION BY THE NEW EMPRESS HERSELF.."
YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS...
I WOULD LIKE TO BE CROWNED NEXT WEEK IN AN EMPIRE AT PEACE!
THERE ARE TALES OF UNREST IN THE PERIPHERY, FREEMAN JEDIAH... THEY WORRY ME.
FIND THE SOURCE OF THESE RUMORS, JEDIAH... AND PUT MY MIND AT EASE.
YOUR HIGHNESS, IF YOU WOULD REMEMBER...
YES, LADY MERRIA-- I KNOW-- MY NEXT AUDIENCE AWAITS.
"MY SEARCH LED ME TO A DISTANT MOON OF XALL, WHERE A NATIVE CLAIMED TO KNOW OF A PLOT AGAINST THE THRONE..."
"...BUT BY THE TIME I LEARNED OSWIN'S PLAN, HE HAD DISCOVERED ME."
"MY REPORT WASN'T EVEN WRITTEN YET!"
I CAN'T EVEN DREAM OF STOPPING OSWIN NOW--ESPECIALLY IF STARMAN IS ON HIS SIDE!
HE'S CERTAIN TO STEAL THE THRONE!

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AND THIS, STARMAN, IS OUR NAVIGATION AND VECTOR CONTROL SYSTEM. THE VERY LATEST TECHNOLOGY, OF COURSE.
AS YOU SAID, IMPRESSIVE. BUT HOW THEN DID IT MANAGE TO FAIL SO DRAMATICALLY?
THE NEW--er-- DRIVE HASN'T QUITE--er-- CLICKED INTO PLACE YET. YOU KNOW MACHINES.
BUT I'M FAR MORE INTRIGUED BY HOW YOU RESCUED US--IN SPACE WITHOUT A PROTECTIVE SUIT.
A PERSONAL FORCE-FIELD, PERHAPS?
FORCE-FIELDS ARE FORBIDDEN TO IMPERIAL SUBJECTS, LORD PROTECTOR--SURELY YOU KNOW THAT?
THEY TEND TO DAMAGE CIRCUITRY, AND LIVING BRAINS!
YES, YES--OF COURSE. I'D NEVER USE THEM MYSELF.
STILL, I DO WONDER HOW YOU SURVIVED.
JUST A KNACK I HAVE, OSWIN.
BUT I'M OVERSTAYING MY WELCOME. I SENSE YOU'RE UNCOMFORTABLE, LORD PROTECTOR--
--SO I'LL LEAVE!
NO--WAIT!
IT'S TIME I FELT THE CURRENTS OF SPACE AROUND ME AGAIN, FAREWELL!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE NOW, STARMAN.

NOT BEFORE I'VE LEARNED HOW YOU SURVIVE IN SPACE UNPROTECTED!
YES-- TAKE HIM!
YOU CALLED, YOUR LORDSHIP?
IF I MUST LEARN STARMAN'S SECRET FROM HIS AUTOPSY-- SO BE IT!
SSSL
WHAT--? A SOLAR BLAST BLOCKING MY GUARDSMEN'S BEAMS!
THAT'S RIGHT, OSWIN-- ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF MY POWERS.
SORRY ABOUT NOT TEACHING YOU ALL OF THEM, BUT THEN YOU'RE NOT ON MY LIST OF FAVORITE PEOPLE!
YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY HAVE BEEN OUT TO STEAL THE THRONE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER---
--AND FRANKLY, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU DESERVED TO EVEN BE A PEER OF THE REALM!
NOW IF YOU AND YOUR CUT-THROAT CREW WILL EXCUSE ME, I'LL --
--LEAVE...
THAT'S IT! BEAM HIM!
THAT BLASTER HAS A RADIOISOTOPE CHARGE THAT COULD SLAUGHTER AN ARMY!

AN ARMY, MAYBE--
--A STARMAN, NO!
FACE FACTS, OSWIN--
--YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH--OR WHAT I CAN DO!
NEVER MIND THAT I'M NOT SURE OF MY LIMITS EITHER!
IT'S STARMAN! HE'S BREAKING FREE OF OSWIN'S MEN!
NO! HE MUSTN'T ESCAPE THE MASTER!
WHAT-- EYOW!
SO YOU CAN BE HURT, STARMAN?!
THEN MY NERVE-ROD WILL FINISH YOU LIKE THE SPACE-HAPPY FOOL YOU ARE!
DARTS AND DAGGERS MAY HURT ME, FRIEND--
--BUT SO LONG AS OAFS LIKE YOU ARE WIELDING THEM, I'M NOT TOO WORRIED!
POW!
AND WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE? AN IMPERIAL SECURITY OFFICER--IN A CAPTIVATOR?
STAR-MAN! PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!

BY OVERWHELMING POPULAR DEMAND--GREEN LANTERN GOES SOLO!

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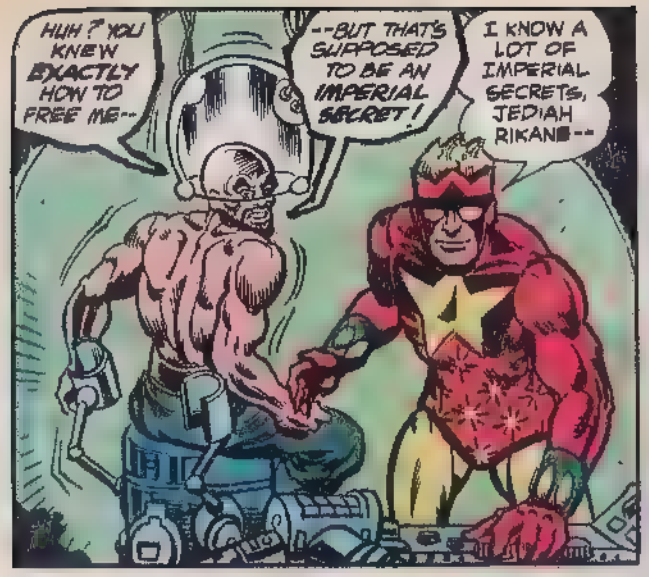
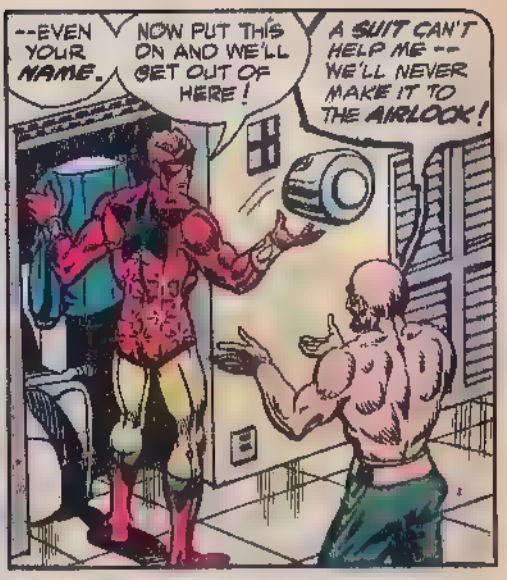
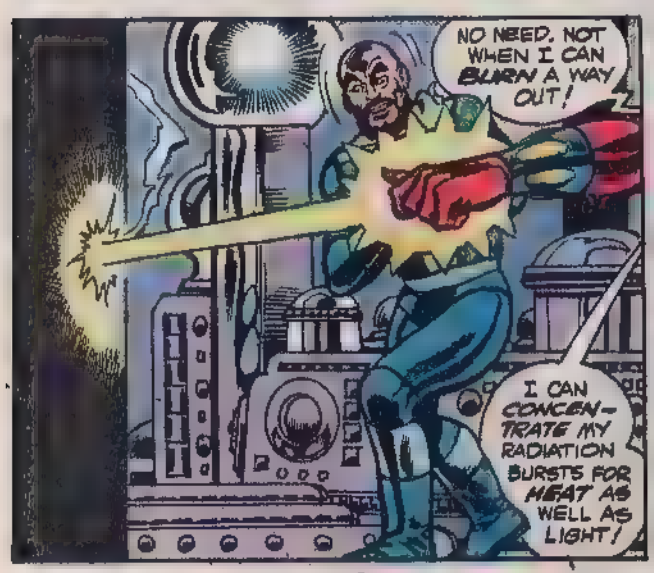
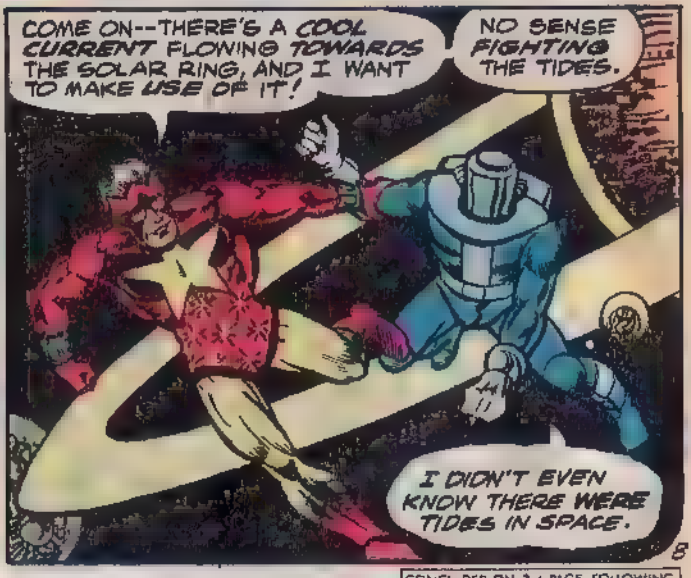

HUH? YOU KNEW EXACTLY HOW TO FREE ME--
--BUT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AN IMPERIAL SECRET!
I KNOW A LOT OF IMPERIAL SECRETS, JEDIAH RIKAN--






COME ON--THERE'S A COOL CURRENT FLOWING TOWARDS THE SOLAR RING, AND I WANT TO MAKE USE OF IT!
NO SENSE FIGHTING THE TIDES.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THERE WERE TIDES IN SPACE.

CONCLUDED ON 3rd PAGE FOLLOWING

YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS HALLOWEEN TREAT!
FOUR FANTASTIC FEAR-FILLED BOOKS...
SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE
THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY
WEIRD WAR TALES
GHOSTS
A HAIR-RAISING HALLOWEEN CHILLER!
THE SUPER FRIENDS BATTLE 5 FEARSOME FOES... AND THEIR MYSTERIOUS MASTER!
TV COMICS
THE SUPER FRIENDS
NO. 28 JAN.
ON SALE OCTOBER 25th!
--AND-- A HARROWING HALLOWEEN SUPER-HERO SENSATION featuring 5 FEARSOME FIENDS!
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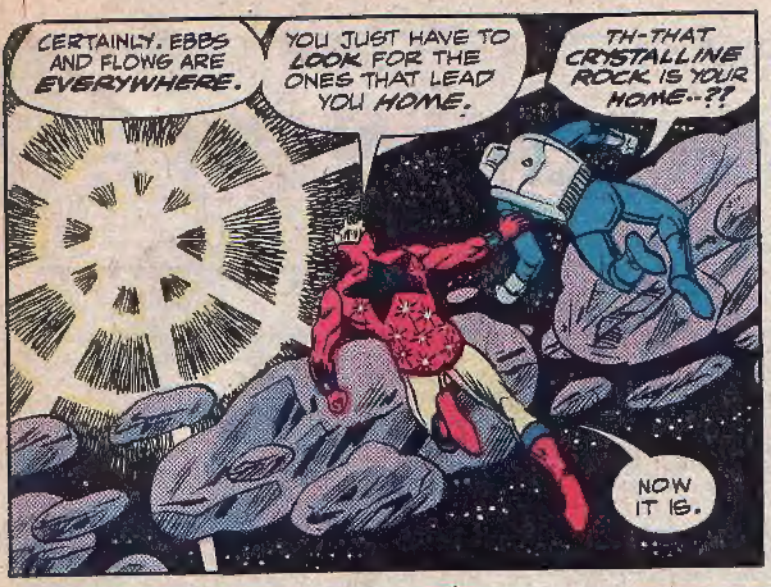
CERTAINLY. EBBS AND FLOWS ARE EVERYWHERE.
YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR THE ONES THAT LEAD YOU HOME.
TH-THAT CRYSTALLINE ROCK IS YOUR HOME--?!
NOW IT IS.

GOOD WORK OUT THERE, LAD--AND YOU DID IT WITHOUT KILLING, TOO.
THIS TIME, MN'TORR! THIS TIME I COULD!

YOU CAN ALWAYS STRIKE FOR THE RIGHT WITHOUT BEING WRONG, LAD--REMEMBER THAT!
YOU REMEMBER THAT AS WELL, JEDIAH RIKANE!
IS MY NAME NO SECRET EVERYWHERE?

THERE ARE NO SECRETS HERE, MY FRIEND... SAVE THOSE MN'TORR KEEPS!
AND IF WE LIVE AN ETERNITY, YOU AND I WILL NEVER LEARN THOSE.
ONLY BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT LISTEN, LAD! Hmph!

STARMAN, YOU SAVED MY LIFE BACK THERE ON OSWIN'S SHIP--I'M YOUR MAN NOW.
HA HA HA! FUNNY, THAT'S HOW I GOT INTO THIS, TOO--SORT OF!

BEFORE YOU MAKE RASH PROMISES, THOUGH, LET'S TALK--OF WHAT YOU KNOW, AND OF A JOB THAT NEEDS DOING--
--A JOB THAT MAY COST BOTH OUR LIVES TO FINISH!

NEXT:
UNEASY LIES THE CROWN!

DATELINE: ADVENTURE

L-425

We interrupt your regularly scheduled comic to bring you the story behind the noble experiment you hold in your hands. As you can see, the format of ADVENTURE COMICS has changed from a Dollar Comic to a standard monthly, with our four old features being replaced by two new ones. Obviously there were many considerations behind such a change, but the final line-up of the new ADVENTURE was determined by one thing only—our desire to produce a new comic that would knock your socks off.

When the word came down that ADVENTURE was being downsized, we carefully examined the features in our roster: Flash, Aquaman, Deadman and the Justice Society. Flash already had his own magazine, and could afford to lose the added exposure. Aquaman could be shifted to WORLD'S FINEST (where he will appear beginning with #262), and both Deadman and the Justice Society were becoming increasingly more difficult to do well, given the schedules of their regular artists. So we had a clean slate to write on, if we chose.

The results are before you, and we think they speak for themselves. As **Plastic Man** *fans of many years standing, we were thrilled to kick off the Shape-shifting Sleuth's new series, which will be scripted by Martin Pasko as of its third installment. The return of Pias is, of course, a result of his tv debut this month, but we hope to keep him around for decades to come in the fine tradition of Jack Cole, by creating amazing arch-foes for him month after month.* **Starman**, *on the other hand, is an old name but an all-new idea that will unfold in issues to come. Even we're not sure of all the facts about him, but that's part of his charm.*

Now we'll sit back and await your verdict. Since ADVENTURE is our first experimental effort since joining the DC editorial staff, it's been more than just another new comic to us. We hope it'll be much, much more to you too.

—Len Wein

Dear Ross,

ADVENTURE #464 was one of the better DC Dollar Comics this month. The cover (originally for *SHOWCASE*) was reworked to fit this cover without the usual overcrowded five features hogging the spotlight. Different features should rotate on the cover to see who is the most popular. Since Flash and Wonder Woman have their own books, I'd rather see Aquaman, Deadman or the Justice Society cover featured.

It was nice to see Wildcat in a solo story. Let's see more of that, plus other JSA solo stories, and maybe Dr. Fate/Hourman team-ups like in *SHOWCASE* years ago.

Don Heck did a great job on the Flash. This is his best work in years, and I wouldn't mind seeing him doing Flash's regular book. He needs some minor work on Flash's and Barry's face, but otherwise he's very good.

Deadman was good, and Aparo is a natural. How about a Deadman/Spectre team-up with Aparo art? He's very good at doing both characters. Boston and Jim might find a cure for Deadman, or at least some clues to it.

Delbo and Giella do a very nice job on Wonder Woman, and Aquaman and Newton go together like Batman and Robin (good separately but better together). Finally, will we ever get to see some Kubert covers?

Dennis Petlll
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We liked Heck and Giella's Flash enough to move them to the monthly FLASH comic too, Dennis—so we did (ah, the joy of editorial command) although it will take a few issues for Joe to join Don. As for Kubert covers, it's remotely possible, but unlikely. However, you can catch his version of a super-hero cover on the current BATMAN.

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Gentlemen:

I would like to submit my vote for a reappearance of Wonder Girl. I enjoyed seeing her again in #461.

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Wonder Girl will be back in a **solo** *story in WONDER WOMAN #266, on sale in three months...be patient.*

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Dear Ross,

I almost wish I hadn't read Gary Norman's letter in #464. He's got me figuring out when various DC titles reach future 100's anniversaries. Tom Snyder's probably in bed now, and here I am still up!

One thing I've come up with is that *ADVENTURE* #500, at the current bi-monthly rate, will be the August 1985 issue, not August 1984. The October *ACTION* of the present year will be the eagerly awaited 500th issue of that magazine; the 600th will be December 1992, and just for the heck of it, the 1000th issue will be the April 2026 issue.

Here are some others: *SUPERBOY/LEGION* #300, June 1983; *SUPERMAN* #400, September 1984; *BATMAN* #400, September 1986; *DC COMICS PRESENTS* #100, December 1986; *BRAVE & BOLD* #200, July 1983; *JUSTICE LEAGUE* #200, March 1982; *SUPERMAN FAMILY* #300, December 1996; and *THE UNEXPECTED* #300, August 1997.

Of course, formats change, so this list isn't totally reliable. And at 3:30 A.M., I ain't totally reliable either, so check this out and figure out other milestones while you're at it. Let's see, *ADVENTURE* #1000...

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...will come out as the April, 2025 issue, with our nifty new monthly frequency (which also shifts #500 to November, 1981 for that matter). We got a big kick out of your letter, but what would you expect from people who once spent dinner working out how many 100's anniversaries and decade anniversaries DC would celebrate each year for the balance of the century?

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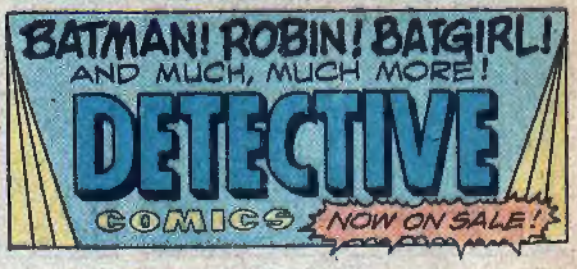
NEXT MONTH: More clues to the mystery of Starman, and Pias takes on the fearsome feet of the Whirling Dervish. Join us in ADVENTURE #468, and don't say we didn't warn you!



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PT BOAT SAILS INTO WEIRD WAR

GORILLAS AND DINOSAURS AMONG ENEMY TROOPS

(The Pacific, World War II)—How would you feel if you were aboard a World War PT boat and after sailing through a weird mist you were attacked by dive-bombing pterodactyls and commando gorillas? You would no doubt feel like the crew to which it happens in *WEIRD WAR TALES* #84...surprised, shocked and scared!

You'll be baffled and amazed by every page of "The War on the Edge of Reality", a story that is so fantastic it takes a special 22-page length to tell it. J.M. DeMatteis and Tenny Henson have collaborated to make this a tale you won't want to miss when *WEIRD WAR TALES* #84 goes on sale the week of November 5th.

DIRECT CURRENTS

ON SALE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5th

GHOSTS #85—George Kashdan and Domy Gutierrez prove that "All Graveyards Have Spirits"; David Allikas and Vicatan Jr. introduce "The Frontline Phantom"; and Carl Wessler and Fred Carrillo heat up "The Fiery Phantom of Paracutin".

SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #21—Meet "The Ghost of the Man Who Never Was" by Carl Wessler and A. Geroche; step on "The Death's Head Scorpion" with Wessler and Rubeny; and call on the "Doctors of the Devil" with Jerry Grandenetti.

WONDER WOMAN #264—A title like "A Bomb in the Bird is Worth Two in the Band" says it all, if you can understand what Gerry Conway, Jose Delbo and Vince Colletta are trying to say!

DETECTIVE COMICS #488—*Batman* finds himself the target for "The Spook's Death Sentence for The Batman" by Cary Burkett, Don Newton and Dan Adkins; *Robin* solves "The Great Campus Kidnap" thanks to Jack C. Harris, Kurt Schaffenberger and Vince Colletta; *Batgirl* runs for reelection and battles "The Leader of the Dark Lords" by Harris, Jose Delbo and Frank Chiaramonte; the *Elongated Man* finds himself "Minus One Miracle Car" by Mike W. Barr, Ed Barretto and Joe Giella; and a new series, "Tales of Gotham City", premieres with a tale by Denny O'Neil and Johnny Craig.

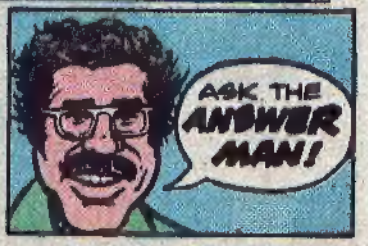
AND ON SALE RIGHT NOW:

SGT. ROCK #336 / *NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERBOY* #1 / *HOUSE OF MYSTERY* #276 / *SUPER FRIENDS* #28 / *ACTION COMICS* #503 / *ADVENTURE COMICS* #467 / *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES* #259 / *BRAVE & BOLD* #158 / *WEIRD WESTERN TALES* #63 / *GREEN LANTERN* #124 / *UNKNOWN SOLDIER* #235 / *WARLORD* #29

SUPERMAN BATTLES DRACULA AND FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER

(Metropolis)—Dracula and the Frankenstein Monster don't really exist, right? That's what the Man of Steel thinks until he is face-to-face with these two most famous monsters in *SUPERMAN* #344. And what can the Krypton Comet do when Dracula decides to suck his Kryptonian blood, a feat which would render the Lord of Darkness invulnerable to wooden stakes?

You won't want to miss "The Monsters Among Us", a Len Wein/Paul Levitz/Curt Swan/Frank Chiaramonte thriller when it goes on sale the week of November 5th!



Q: Will we be seeing *Doctor Polaris* soon?—Amos Silliriane Jr. *A*: He battled *Black Lightning* in a recent issue of *WORLD'S FINEST*.

Q: What planets did *Cosmic Boy*, *Ultra-Boy* and *Shadow Lass* come from?—Joe Winter. *A*: *Cosmic Boy* is from Braal, *Ultra Boy* is from Rimbor, and *Shadow Lass* is from Talok VIII.

Q: Who made the *Red Tornado*?—Henry Rivera. *A*: T.O. Morrow, an enemy of the *Justice League*.

Q: Are *DC* editor Julius Schwartz and *DC* advertising rep Sanford Schwarz related?—Vivek Dehejia. *A*: No.

Q: Any chance of a Fotonovel of the *Superman* movie?—Scott E. Taylor. *A*: There's none in the works that we know of.

Q: If *Superman*'s birthday is February 29th, how come he's not just six years old?—Chipper Trevarthan. *A*: For the same reason other people born on that date don't age more slowly than the rest of us.

Q: Is the *Bizarro* world in a solar system like ours?—Glenn Fawcett. *A*: It circles a yellow sun, but we've never seen any other planets near it.

Q: How much is *FLASH* #119 in good condition worth?—Kevin Raibovsky. *A*: $4.50.

Q: Does *Superman* ever have to sleep?—Kevin Stockard. *A*: He does not need sleep for the rest, but he does have to dream from time to time.

Q: Who was responsible for the bonehead decision to cancel *ALL-STAR COMICS*?—Alle Steck. *A*: All your fellow fans who didn't buy the magazine.